

# Photos of early Hanford now available on Web

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Ever wonder what early Hanford looked like? Or the PUREX plant, the B and T Tank Farms, the town of Richland or the Yakima River automobile and train bridges? Hanford employees and the general public now can access recently released photographs via the Hanford Web site. From your work computer or from home, just go to <http://www2.hanford.gov/declass/>.

Once there, click on “Simple Search” or “Advanced Search” to obtain access to the 77,000 negatives or the approximately 80,000 declassified documents. The Simple Search allows you to search by topic or subject matter. Through Advanced Search, you can find all fields associated with the information you’re looking for. Insert “neg” in the “Document Number” block and the topic or subject in the “Title Description” block, and then search. When you click on the photo description under “Document Title/Description” and enable the security feature by clicking “yes” when prompted, the picture will load. For more information about the photo, click on the number in the “Document Details” column.



Among the 77,000 historical Hanford photos now available online are lighthearted scenes of employee activities as well as pictures of Hanford operations and facilities.

The National Security Analysis Team, made up of 10 “authorized derivative declassifiers” and eight members of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory administrative staff, worked for more than eight years reviewing, declassifying — where possible — and releasing the declassified media (documents, film, drawings, audio-tapes and photographic images) to the general public. After being declassified, the photographs were scanned and placed on the Web. This set of photographs is just a small subset of the total Hanford photo collection, but it is representative of the total archive.

The photographs represent just a small part of the entire body of Hanford information that was declassified, consisting of more than 80,000 classified documents from PNNL, Fluor Hanford and the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office.

Have fun looking at the photographs, and if you have questions, contact me, David Briggs, at PNNL’s National Security Directorate, 372-2763. ■